

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-9 and 11-31 are presented for consideration, with Claims 1, 6, 11 and 12 being independent.

The independent claims have been amended to further distinguish Applicants' invention from the cited art.

The amendments to the claims were not presented earlier as it was believed that the previously presented claims would be found allowable. This Amendment does not add any additional claims. Moreover, the Examiner's familiarity with the subject matter of the present application will allow an appreciation of the significance of the amendments herein without undue expenditure of time and effort. Finally, the Amendment does not raise new issues requiring further consideration or search. Accordingly, it is submitted that entry of the Amendment is appropriate.

All of the pending claims stand rejected on prior art grounds under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Aratani '675. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants' invention as set forth in Claim 1 relates to a display apparatus displaying images from a plurality of information processing apparatuses. The apparatus includes image inputting means for inputting respective image signals from the plurality of information processing apparatuses, display controlling means for constructing on a display screen display regions in which respective image signals from the plurality of information processing apparatuses are displayed, and inputting means for inputting a signal containing coordinate information. In addition, determining means determines an information processing apparatus to which the input signal is sent, based on the input signal inputted by the inputting means. Claim 1 has been amended to include means for sending information to the information

processing apparatus determined by the determining means, and converting the sent information from the coordinate information into an absolute coordinate information of a display region corresponding to the determined information processing apparatus.

Claims 6 and 11 are directed to a method for controlling a display apparatus displaying images and a program for making a computer perform control of a display apparatus displaying images, respectively, and correspond substantially to Claim 1. Therefore, these claims have been amended to include a communicating and converting step of sending information to the information processing apparatus determined in the determining step and converting the sent information from the coordinate information into an absolute coordinate information of a display region corresponding to the determined information processing apparatus.

Finally, Claim 12 of Applicants' invention relates to a display apparatus performing display based on a first image signal, which is an image signal from a first information processing apparatus that performs a predetermined information processing based on a coordinate signal representing a predetermined position on a screen displayed on the basis of a signal outputted by the apparatus, and a second image signal, which is an image signal from a second information processing apparatus that performs a predetermined information processing based on a coordinate signal representing a predetermined position on the screen displayed on the basis of a signal outputted by the apparatus. The display apparatus includes a receiving circuit receiving the first image signal and the second image signal, a coordinate information receiving circuit receiving signals from a coordinate input device that transforms into a signal an indicated position on a display surface on which a screen based on the first image signal or a screen based on the second image signal or a screen based on both of the first image signal and the second image signal is displayed, and a determination circuit determining whether the input signal

inputted from the coordinate information receiving circuit is outputted to the first information processing apparatus or the second information processing apparatus. As in Claim 1, Claim 12 has been amended to include a communication circuit sending information to the information processing apparatus determined by the determination circuit, and converting the sent information from the coordinate information into an absolute coordinate information of a display region corresponding to the determined information processing apparatus.

Support for the amendments to the claims can be found, for example, on page 17, line 25 through page 18, line 9 of the specification. In accordance with Applicants' claimed invention, a high quality display of images from a plurality of different sources can be provided.

As discussed in the previous Amendment of June 30, 2004, Aratani relates to a display control apparatus for controlling a multiwindow display of data input from a plurality of image sources. In Aratani, a display pointer controller 21 serves as an input and output device for controlling a plurality of image sources, and a joy stick 22 as the display pointer controller moves a superposition data figure between the areas of the display images for selecting an image to be controlled. X and Y coordinates are established for the display region based on specific equations.

In contrast to Applicants' claimed invention, however, Aratani does not teach or suggest, inter alia, sending information to a determined information processing apparatus and converting the sent information from the coordinate information into an absolute coordinate information of a display region corresponding to the determined information processing apparatus. Although Aratani discloses that if the X and Y information is relative coordinate values, it is converted into absolute coordinate values which are supplied to a bus controller 8

(see column 8, lines 20-23), this information is not sent to a determined information processing apparatus and converted in the manner set forth in Applicants' claimed invention.

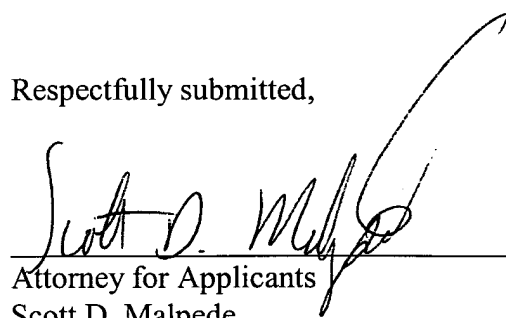
Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) is respectfully requested.

Therefore, it is submitted that Applicants' invention as set forth in independent Claims 1, 6, 11 and 12 is patentable over the cited art. In addition, dependent Claims 2-4, 7-9 and 13-31 set forth additional features of Applicants' invention. Independent consideration of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of this application is deemed to be in order and such action is respectfully requested.

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